Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in

the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (previously presented) Method for determining the suitability of a digitized
image of a person for person identification, with the steps:

segmenting the image of a person into a background area and a head or
face area,

analyzing the head or face area to determine at least one characteristic
value,

comparing the at least one characteristic value with at least one
predetermined threshold value, and

making a determination of the suitability of the image based on a result of
the comparison.

2.   (original) Method according to claim 1, wherein the step of segmenting
comprises performing a method for object recognition.

3.   (previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein analyzing the
head or face area comprises detecting at least one geometric feature of
the head or face area.

4.   (original) Method according to claim 3, wherein detecting at least one
        geometric feature of the head or face area comprises a size and/or shape
        and/or position and/or spatial orientation of the head or face area within
        the image of a person.

5.   (previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein analyzing the
        head or face area comprises detecting at least one reproduction feature of
        the head or face area.

6.   (original) Method according to claim 5, wherein the at least one
        reproduction feature that is to be detected comprises a contrast and/or a
        color distribution and/or a sharpness of the image and/or a brightness
        and/or a grade of staining and/or a measure for the irradiation of the head
        or face area.

7.   (previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein analyzing the
        head or face area comprises localizing sub-regions of the head or face
        area.

8.   (original) Method according to claim 7 with the additional step:

        analyzing the at least one localized sub-region.

9.   (previously presented) Method according to claim 1 with the step:

        analyzing the image of a person with respect to global criteria that apply to
        the entire image of a person.

10.   (previously presented) Method according to claim 1 with the step:

       analyzing the background area of the image of a person.

11.   (previously presented) Method according to claim 1 with the step:

       determining whether a negatively evaluated image could fulfill the
       predetermined quality criteria after image correction.

12.   (previously presented) A correction method for a digitized image of a
       person, which does not fulfill one or more quality criteria during a
       verification method according to claim 1, comprising

       correcting at least one image reproduction feature in the entire image
       and/or the head or face area and/or the background area, and/or

       correcting at least one geometric feature of a head or face area displayed
       in the image of a person.

13.   (previously presented) A data processor, adapted to execute a method
       according to claim 1.

14.   (previously presented) A data processor, adapted to execute a method
       according to claim 12.

15.   (currently amended) A data processor, adapted to execute a ~~verification~~
       determination method according to claim 1 and to execute a correction
       method for a digitized image of a person, which does not fulfill one or more
       quality criteria during the ~~verification~~ determination method, comprising

correcting at least one image reproduction feature in the entire image
and/or the head or face area and/or the background area, and/or

correcting at least one geometric feature of a head or face area displayed
in the image of a person.

16.   (currently amended) System for quality ~~verification~~ <u>determination</u> and
correction of digitized images of persons comprising

a storage means for storing digitized image data, and one of

a first data processing means for executing a method according to claim 1
and a second data processing means for executing a correction method
for a digitized image of a person, which does not fulfill one or more quality
criteria during a ~~verification~~ <u>determination</u> method according to claim 1,
comprising

correcting at least one image reproduction feature in the entire image
and/or the head or face area and/or the background area, and/or

correcting at least one geometric feature of a head or face area
displayed in the image of a person, and

a data processing means for executing a ~~verification~~ <u>determination</u>
method according to claim 1 and for executing a correction method for a
digitized image of a person, which does not fulfill one or more quality
criteria during the ~~verification~~ <u>determination</u> method, comprising

correcting at least one image reproduction feature in the entire image
and/or the head or face area and/or the background area, and/or

correcting at least one geometric feature of a head or face area
displayed in the image of a person.

17.   (original) A system according to claim 16 comprising

an apparatus for generating digitized image data.

18.   (previously presented) A system according to claim 16 comprising

a display device for displaying whether a verified image or a modified
image observes predetermined quality standards.

19.   (previously presented) Method according to claim 2, wherein analyzing the
head or face area comprises detecting at least one geometric feature of
the head or face area.

20.   (previously presented) Method according to claim 2, wherein analyzing the
head or face area comprises detecting at least one reproduction feature of
the head or face area.